

## **Dam and Sea Wall Repair or Removal Fund**

Under the authority created by M.G.L. c. 29, §2III and regulations issued under 301 CMR 15.00, EEA funds projects for the repair and removal of dams, levees, seawalls, and other forms of inland and coastal flood control. In FY 2013, the maximum award for any one application is \$1,000,000 for dams and levees, and \$4,000,000 for seawalls and other coastal infrastructure. For the selected projects, responding applicants may be offered funding through a package offering a combination grant and loan. The interest rate for loans made shall be fixed at no more than 2% or one half the market rate as established by the Wall Street Journal prime rate in place at the time the loan application is made, whichever is greater. Private dam owners, if selected, will be offered funds only as 100% loan.

In order to provide an incentive for projects that will maximize the use and/or restoration of natural systems, EEA reserves the right to modify the loan terms. Those projects which minimize or eliminate the use of hard infrastructure are eligible for a zero percent interest rate.

<b>Administering Agency:</b>	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Municipalities, nonprofits, private dam owners
<b>Source of Funds:</b>	Massachusetts Dam and Seawall Repair and Removal Fund
<b>Matching Requirements:</b>	None required
<b>Amount Expended in FY13:</b>	\$ 5,900,000.00
<b>Typical Size of Awarded Grant:</b>	Under \$1,000,000.00
<b>Application Deadlines:</b>	On or before September 1 of each year.
<b>Award Date:</b>	Approximately November 1 of each year.
<b>Contact Person:</b>	John Clarkeson (617) 626-1175 john.clarkeson@state.ma.us
<b>Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/waste-mgmt-recycling/water-resources/preserving-water-resources/water-laws-and-policies/water-laws/draft-regs-re-dam-and-sea-wall-repair-or-removal-fund.html">http://www.mass.gov/eea/waste-mgmt-recycling/water-resources/preserving-water-resources/water-laws-and-policies/water-laws/draft-regs-re-dam-and-sea-wall-repair-or-removal-fund.html</a>

**Criteria:** *application review is guided by 301 CMR 15.00*

Priority shall be given to projects that are owned or operated by cities, towns and charitable organizations. Priority shall be also given to those structures identified in writing by the United States Army Corps of Engineers as requiring imminent infrastructure improvement. For all projects, preference will be given to projects that incorporate any or all of the following factors (in no particular order of preference):

- Project results in improvement to public health and safety;
- Project results in protection of other public infrastructure;
- If a privately held structure, the applicant demonstrates that any private benefit is incidental to the public good.
- Design plan recognizes the potential impact of climate change and improves resilience;
- Completion of the project will improve/expand use of naturally occurring systems;
- Applicant/applicant partner has obtained all applicable permits required to implement the project;
- Project implementation will improve or expand the functions of naturally occurring systems;
- Project fits into a larger comprehensive plan to improve the environmental condition; project complements other work ongoing in the local watershed.
- Applicant/applicant partner have secured borrowing authorization;
- Applicant's (and partner's, if any) commitment to project implementation through direct contribution of funds and/or in-kind support;
- Applicant has proven capacity to implement the project;
- Applicant is credit worthy and not prone to default;
- Project budget is viable for the objectives proposed;
- Structure is in a community with an environmental justice population; and,
- Supplier Diversity Form indicates a commitment to equity of opportunity.